

Human Relations Task Force

Tuesday, March 1, 2011

Minutes

I. Roll Call: 6:50PM

Present: Chancellor, Dagley, Dekle, Garrick, Goldenberg, Inouye, Nees,
Late: Jackle, Rodriguez
Staff Liaison: Kuhnke
HBPD Liaison: Smith

II. Welcoming Remarks by Ken Inouye, Chair

Inouye welcomed TF members to the March meeting

III. Public Comments:

No public comments

IV. Motion to Approve Minutes: February 1, 2011

Moved: Goldenberg Second: Chancellor
Approved 7, No 0 absent 2 (Jackle, Rodriguez)

V. Special Reports/Presentations:

None

VI. Status Reports

1. Report of HRTF Donation account balance

Current balance \$1776.64 with \$500 committed and unpaid to HBReads

2. Report of Hate Crimes/Incidents

Sgt Smith reported two hate related incidents in Huntington Beach since January. One issue involved a physical altercation between two young women. One woman is African American and the other woman is Caucasian. During the altercation the Caucasian woman used racial slurs. HBPD is classifying the altercation as a hate incident and the woman has met with HBPD. There is an ongoing investigation.

The second issue involved racial slurs and a swastika scratched on the wall of a public facility at a Huntington Beach public park. HBPD investigated the incident which has been classified as a hate crime. The investigation will continue.

Sgt Smith will present the 2010 Hate Crime Report summary at the April meeting

3. Report of Orange County Human Relations (OCHR) News/Activities

Inouye presented the TF with a copy of the Orange County Hate Crime report. The report summarized hate crime activities in the county for calendar year 2009. Inouye reported that the award for Ralph Bauer has been approved and Mr. Bauer will be honored for his commitment to promoting diversity in the community. Nees expressed his concern that the TF did not officially hold a vote to nominate Mr. Bauer. The TF agreed a vote should have been taken instead of an implied agreement.

Due to schedule conflicts Inouye asked TF member Chancellor to follow-up with the Dwyer Middle School issue on his behalf. Chancellor reported he worked with OCHR to review the facts and allegations of the incidents occurring at Dwyer Middle School. The intent was to see if there was a teaching opportunity for the students to learn how to show dissatisfaction in an appropriate manner. Chancellor worked with HBPD to review any reports or allegations involving the alleged disrespect shown to work crews working on the campus. Dwyer administration was contacted. OCHR and HBTF assistance has not been requested and the matter is tabled at this time.

4. Report of Coordinating Council Activities

The Presidents meeting was conducted and each group presented their objectives. It was an opportunity for networking. The next meeting is March 8 at Murdy Park at 12:00 noon.

VII. Updates, Planning, and Possible Motions pertaining to the following events/programs:

1. Report of HRTF Student Representative Programs

Chancellor invited TF members to attend the Student Day of Dialogue to be held on March 15th. Students from seven area high schools will be in attendance to discuss issues and solutions relative to their schools. Meeting will be in room B8 at the HB Civic Center at 9:00AM

2. Report of HB Reads Activities & Main Event scheduled for March 24, 2011

Dagley reported Boeing donated \$2,500.00 to HBReads and other corporate sponsors are reviewing their budgets to consider a donation. The invitations for guests attending the author's meet and greet at the Bauer's home on March 24th has been distributed. The suggested donation is \$50 and the goal is to have 100 attendees.

2. Report of Federal Diversity Month planning and activities

Dekle presented the TF with an idea to celebrate all Diversity Months in October with a variety of events to bring our community together to recognize our diverse heritage. The subcommittee headed by Dekle will meet to discuss the idea and come back to the TF with a proposal.

VIII. New Business and Possible motions pertaining to:

1. Report of Officer Nominating Committee & Election of Officers

Nees nominated Inouye and Chancellor to continue their position of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson for the remainder of 2011 at which time their terms on the TF will expire. Garrick was nominated to be Secretary.

Motion: To accept the candidates as nominated.

Move Nees, Second, Rodriguez; Approved 9, No 0

2. Discussion of possible HRTF fundraising options

Dagley presented the TF with a draft of a letter to be used for fundraising for the TF. After suggestions for edits to the letter a motion was made.

Motion: Dagley to draft a letter on behalf of the TF consistent with the draft presented to the TF on March 1 which will include the revisions recommended by the TF and approved by Chair Inouye.

Moved Jackle, Second Dekle

Approved 8, No 0, Absent 1 (Goldenberg)

IX. Task Force Member Comments:

Inouye thanked the TF for their continued work.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM